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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	10/064,809	KELLER, HEINZ
	Examiner Arthur L Corbin	Art Unit 1761

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 November 2004.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) 13-16 and 19 is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-12,17,18,20 and 21 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) 6 is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

- Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
- Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
- Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 08-20-02,04-14-04.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. 121604.

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6) Other: _____.

1. Claim 6 is objected to because of the following informalities: In claim 6, line 3, a comma should be inserted after "pyrophosphates". In claim 18, last line, "an" should be cancelled. Appropriate correction is required.

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter, which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 17 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 17 is indefinite in failing to recite what has its pH lowered to below 7.

Claim 18 is indefinite in failing to recite what has its average freeze/thaw loss reduced.

Corrections are required without new matter.

4. The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. See 37 CFR 1.75(d)(1) and MPEP § 608.01(o). Correction of the following is required: There is no antecedent basis in the specification for the limitation in claim 17.

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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6. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-11, 20 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Egbert et al (WO 02/056,705, pages 2, 5, 7, 9-11, 13 and Example 6).

Applicant is referred to the reasoning set forth in paragraph No. 2, Paper No. 072304.

7. Claims 2, 5 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Egbert et al as applied to claims 1, 3, 4, 6-11, 20 and 21 above, and further in view of Kamada et al.

Applicant is referred to the reasoning set forth in paragraph No. 3, Paper No. 072304.

8. Claims 1-12, 20 and 21 are also rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kamada et al.

Applicant is referred to the reasoning set forth in paragraph No. 4, Paper No. 072304.

9. Claims 17 and 18 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

10. Applicant's arguments filed November 1, 2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The amounts of each component in applicant's composition have not been shown to be critical, except in the treatment of meat. In the absence of unexpected results, said amounts would require nothing more than routine experimentation by one reasonably skilled in this art to duplicate. While applicant's claimed component amounts may be effective in reducing or preventing the occurrence

of PSE characteristics in meat and in reducing average freeze/ thaw loss in meat, meat is not part of applicant's composition claims. As a result, applicant's composition claims are not commensurate in scope with applicant's remarks on page 7 of the November 1, 2004.

11. THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

12. Any inquiry concerning this communication from the examiner should be directed to Arthur L. Corbin whose telephone number is (571) 272-1399. The examiner can generally be reached on Monday--Friday from 10:30 to 8:00 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Milton Cano can be reached on (571) 272-1398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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